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On instructions from my Government, and further to our previous letters regarding the repeated Israeli violations and attacks against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic, I should like to apprise you of the most recent attacks, which were perpetrated by the Israeli occupation authorities on Saturday 21 October 2017.

The Israeli occupation forces have carried out a new attack on a military site in the Qunaytirah countryside, in a flagrant violation of the Disengagement of Forces Agreement. Earlier, armed terrorist groups that coordinate with and receive support and advice from the Israeli occupation fired shells, which landed in a deserted area in occupied territory. That incident provided a pretext for the attack.

This act of aggression is only the latest instance of collusion between the Israeli occupation and the armed terrorist groups. The organic relation between the two sides has been made clear by a chain of events and evidence. There can no longer be any doubt that the two are closely connected and have one and the same aim: to undermine the stability of the Syrian Arab Republic and threaten its territorial integrity.

The attack is merely a desperate attempt to provide some support for the armed terrorist groups, including Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and the Nusrah Front, which have collapsed across Syria before the strikes carried out by the Syrian Arab Army and its allies.

Once again, the Syrian Arab Republic warns that such repeated acts of aggression will have serious repercussions, and can only be interpreted as support for terrorism and criminal terrorist groups. Israel and its backers have clearly laid down a challenge to the resolutions of the Security Council.

The Syrian Arab Republic is astonished that the Security Council has not been able to put an end to these Israeli acts of aggression and condemn them as a blatant violation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the rules of international law, and all of the relevant Security Council resolutions, including those concerning the disengagement of forces. The Syrian Arab Republic objects to the Security Council's persistent silence in the face of these repeated Israeli attacks. It expects the Council to take immediate and decisive action in order to curb such attacks and bring them to an end.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter issued as a document of the Security Council.

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